

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1 of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/188,069 filed July 3, 2002 and entitled Electrostatic Fluid Accelerator For And A Method Of Controlling Fluid Flow and is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/419,720 filed October 14, 1999 and entitled Electrostatic Fluid Accelerator, now U.S. Patent No. 6,504,308, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/175,947 filed June 21, 2002 and entitled Method of and Apparatus for Electrostatic Fluid Acceleration Control of a Fluid Flow, now U.S. Patent No. 6,664,741; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/187,983 filed July 3, 2002 and entitled Spark Management Method And Device; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/188,069 filed July 3, 2002 and entitled Electrostatic Fluid Accelerator For and a Method Of Controlling Fluid Flow; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/295,869 filed November 18, 2002 and entitled Electrostatic Fluid Accelerator which is a continuation of U.S. provisional application serial No. 60/104,573, filed on Oct. 16, 1998; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/724,707 filed December 2, 2003 and entitled Corona Discharge Electrode and Method of Operating Same; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/735,302 filed December 15, 2003 and entitled Method of and Apparatus for Electrostatic Fluid Acceleration Control of a Fluid; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/752,530 filed January 8, 2004 and entitled Electrostatic Air Cleaning Device, all of which are incorporated herein in their entireties by reference.

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[0022] Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Figure 1A is a schematic diagram of an Electrostatic Fluid Accelerator (EFA) device 100 comprising two EFA stages 114 and 115. First EFA stage 114 includes corona discharge electrode 106 and associated accelerating electrode 112; second EFA stage 115 includes corona discharge electrode 113 and associated accelerating electrode 111. Both EFA stages and all the electrodes are shown schematically. Only one set of corona discharge and collecting electrodes are shown per stage for ease of illustration, although it is expected that each stage may include a large number of arrayed pairs of corona and accelerating electrodes. An important feature of EFA 100 is that the distance d_1 between the corona discharge electrode 106 and collector electrode 112 is comparable to the distance d_2 between collector electrode 112 and the corona discharge electrode 113 of the subsequent stage 115,